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**From:** Frame, Susannah  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 9:59 AM  
**To:** 'Gamache, Lori M'  
**Cc:** Meyer, Carrie C; Walker, Russ  
**Subject:** upcoming KING 5 story

Hi Lori,

I hope you had a good weekend. I wanted to update you on our next story. It is scheduled at this point to air on Thursday night at 10 and 11 pm.

This story will focus on how the DOE pays contractors such as WRPS. We will talk about the PBI's and award fees, how much WRPS made in these categories in FY 2012. And we will be asking the question: Is bonus money a motivator to not look into or report bad news? We believe the question is a legitimate one. It's an issue that's been brought up before by the General Accounting Office and others.

We believe it would serve the public and our viewers best by including someone from the Department in this story in an on camera interview. We would ask about the incentives in the federal contracts. Do these incentives discourage contractors from coming forward to report a negative situation like a leaking tank? Are there ways the Department encourages the reporting of problems through a different sort of incentive?

While in Seattle, Carrie mentioned to me that the contracts change all of the time when something new comes to light such as a leaking DST. If so, can you please show us an example of that? That would be a good thing to include in our story.

Carrie explained to me how understaffed and overwhelmed your department is with requests from different media outlets. But given we've been asking for an interview for about 3 and a half weeks, we're hoping to hear back from you on this request by the end of business today.

Thank you!  
Susannah

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